

**Veteran Affairs Salt Lake City Health Care System  
Statement of Work  
Off-Site Audiology Services  
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Contractor shall provide Audiology Services for the VA Salt Lake City Health Care System (VASLCHCS) facility as listed below:

The Contractor shall provide clinical space and equipment, including whatever equipment is needed for hearing and balance assessments. Contractor shall provide qualified audiologists and physical therapists to complete testing and/or treatment during the course of the contract in accordance with all terms and conditions contained in the contract.

The contractor shall be available for patient appointments at least four days per week during normal business hours. The Contractor will have **at least one clinic** in the Salt Lake City (SLC) area or the SLC Valley area that patients can access. Contractor clinics located outside this area may be used in addition to the SLC and SLC valley clinic.

Only the services listed by Current Procedural Terminology (CPT) codes below may be provided and billed against this contract.

**1. Basic Comprehensive Diagnostic audiology evaluation:**

- a. Comprehensive hearing test (to include air conduction, bone conduction, SRT and speech discrimination)

CPT Codes/Annual estimated quantity:

92557- Comprehensive hearing test/ 100

92552 - Pure tone audiometry air/ 15

92553 - Pure tone audiometry, AC/BC/ 15

92556 - Speech/word recognition testing/ 15

- b. Immittance testing (including tympanograms, acoustic reflex threshold and decay measures and Eustachian tube function)

CPT Codes/Annual quantity:

92567 - Tympanometry (acoustic immittance)/ 40 OR 20?

92568 - Acoustic reflex test: threshold/ 40 OR 20?

92570- Acoustic Immittance Battery/ 10

- c. Hearing aid evaluation (Real ear measurement testing or other appropriate procedure for verification of fitting)

CPT Code/Annual quantity:

V5020 - Conformity evaluation/ 30

- d. ABR (Auditory Brainstem Response)

CPT Code/Annual quantity:  
92585- Auditory evoked potentials, diagnostic/ 12

e. Electrocochleography

CPT Code/Annual quantity:  
92584- Electrocochleography/ 20

f. Hearing aid orientation

CPT Code/Annual quantity:  
98960- Self-mgmt education/train 1 pt/ 30

g. Counseling (no CPT code)/ 30

h. Hearing aid check (to include electroacoustic test of hearing aid performance)

CPT Codes/Annual quantity:  
92594 - Electroacoustic hearing aid test, monaural/ 10  
92595 - Electroacoustic hearing aid test, binaural/ 20

i. Otoscopic examination and ear mold impressions

CPT Code/Annual quantity:  
V5275- Otoscopic exam/ear mold impressions/ 100

j. Other diagnostic testing as needed (OAE's, site of lesion testing)

CPT Codes/Annual quantity:  
92562 - Loudness balance test/ 10  
92563 - Tone decay hearing test/ 10

k. Cerumen management

CPT Code/Annual quantity:  
92700 (8 minutes) - Ent procedure/service (Cerumen mngmnt)/ 50

**2. Evaluation and Treatment for Balance Problems:**

a. Computerized ENG/VNG

b. (spontaneous nystagmus test, including gaze and fixation nystagmus with recording)

CPT Codes/Annual quantity:  
92540 - Basic vestibular evaluation/ 50  
92541 - Spontaneous Nystagmus test/ 50

- c. Positional nystagmus test, minimum of 4 positions with recording

CPT Code/Annual quantity:

92542 - Positional nystagmus test/ 50

- d. Caloric vestibular test, each irrigation (binaural, bithermal stimulation constitutes four tests) with recording.

CPT Code/Annual quantity:

92543 - Caloric vestibular test/ 50

- e. Optokinetic nystagmus test, bi-directional, foveal or peripheral stimulation, with recording.

CPT Code/Annual quantity:

92544 - Optokinetic nystagmus test/ 50

- f. Oscillating tracking test, with recording.

CPT Code/Annual quantity:

92545 - Oscillating tracking test/ 50

- g. Use of vertical electrodes (listed separately in addition to code for primary procedure), used with above codes.

CPT Code/Annual quantity:

92547 - Use of vertical electrodes/ 50

3. **Computerized Dynamic Posturography:** (is made up of three separate components)

- a. Sensory organization (Six separate conditions with 3 trials on each condition)
- b. Motor Control test (Both forward and backward translations of the platform with three conditions for each translation)
- c. Adaptation test (consists of 5 trials of toes up, toes down movement platform)

CPT Code/Annual quantity:

92548 - Computerized dynamic posturography/ 30

4. **Computerized Rotary Chair:** Sinusoidal vertical axis rotational testing. Consists of 7 specific speeds (frequencies) of rotation with computer control of the movement. In addition, the Velocity Step Test and Fixation Suppression Test. Each frequency is usually billed as a separate test.

CPT Codes/Annual quantity:

92546 - Sinusoidal vertical axis rotation test/ 15

92547 - Use of vertical electrodes/ 15

5. **Rehabilitation Evaluation:** This is a balance rehabilitation evaluation and consists of the following CPT codes and time involvement. Usual evaluation is 90 minutes.

CPT Codes/Annual quantity:

97001 - Physical Therapy Evaluation/ 20  
97112 - Neuromuscular re-education (vestibular rehab)/ 20  
97116 - Gait Assessment and Training/ 20  
97530 - Therapeutic Activities/ 20

6. **Physical Therapy for the Purposes of Retraining Balance and Dizziness:** The retraining is individually tailored for each patient to improve balance. Typically this training lasts 45 to 60 minutes depending on the complexity of the problem and the tolerance of the patient.

CPT Codes/Annual quantity:

97112 - Neuromuscular re-education (vestibular rehab)/ 30  
97116 - Gait Assessment and Training (2 units)/ 30  
97530 - Therapeutic Activities (sometimes used when patient is dizzy) (1 to 3 units)/ 30  
97140 - Manual Therapy (usually one unit), used when cervical spine is involved with dizziness/ 30

7. **Canolith Repositioning for BPPV:** The repositioning procedure depends on which semicircular canal is involved and whether or not the BPPV is due to cupulolithiasis or canalithiasis. There is no specific CPT code available for Canolith Repositioning Procedures. Physical Therapists use 97530 (minimum of 2 units, sometimes 3) and Audiologists use 92700 'Unlisted Audiology Service or procedure' (with an explanation of what was done). Treatment usually takes anywhere from 30 minutes to an hour, with counseling regarding restrictions.

CPT Codes/Annual quantity:

92700 - Ent procedure/service/ 15

8. **VEMPS:** (Vestibular Evoked Myogenic Testing) to determine normal/abnormal functioning of the saccule, vestibular nerve and central connections in the inner ear.

CPT Codes/Annual quantity:

92586 - Auditory evoked potential, limited/ 25

1. Exact schedule of contractor performance of procedures will be determined by the Service Chief or his/her designee. Efficiency of patient care is critical in determining this schedule.
2. The VA Salt Lake City Health Care System will monitor the performance of services provided under this contract to ensure the provision of high quality medical care. Primarily the Service management, supported by quality management programs and the office of the Chief of Staff, will carry out monitoring.

3. All persons employed under this contract will be required to participate in the Medical Center's Quality Management program. This includes participation in the quality management activities as developed and implemented by the contracting clinical area and furnishing evidence of continuous review of the quality of care provided to patients under this contract. Data will be provided by the contractor to the Service Manager or designated representative.

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